



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
230 SOUTH DEARBORN ST.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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MAY 03 1991

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:  
5CS-TUB-3

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site, Granite City, Illinois

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to authority contained in § 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9604, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), in cooperation with the State of Illinois, determined that there was a release or substantial threat of a release of hazardous substances (as defined by § 101(14) of CERCLA) from a facility known as the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in and near Granite City, Illinois ("facility" or "Site").

Beginning in 1984, EPA undertook response actions pursuant to § 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604. The response actions taken include the following: evaluating and ranking the facility for placement on the National Priorities List (NPL), placing the facility on the NPL, entering into an administrative order by consent with NL Industries, Inc. to perform the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Site, gathering and exchanging information about the Site, issuing general notice letters to parties identified as potentially responsible parties (PRPs) on November 28, 1989, signing a Record of Decision for the Site on March 30, 1990, issuing special notice letters to PRPs on June 25, 1990, and a unilateral order on November 27, 1990.

EPA, through the above described notice letters, order, and opportunities to confer which were given with the notice letters and order, has previously provided you or your company with written notice that you or your company is a party who may be liable for money expended by EPA to take response action at the facility. EPA

has expended funds provided under the authority of CERCLA to clean up the facility.

The cost to date of the response actions related to the Site through EPA funding is approximately \$300,999.11. This statement of expenditures is preliminary, and does not limit EPA from providing a revised figure if additional costs are identified.

In accordance with § 107(a) of CERCLA, demand is hereby made for payment of the above amount plus any and all interest recoverable under § 107 or any other provisions of law.

EPA anticipates that additional funds may be expended on the site. Whether EPA funds the entire response action or simply incurs costs by overseeing the parties conducting the response activities, you are potentially liable for the expenditures plus interest.

Interest on past costs incurred shall accrue from the date of this demand for payment or any earlier demand, whichever is earlier; interest on future costs shall accrue from date of expenditure, pursuant to CERCLA § 107(a), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). Interest rates are variable. The rate applicable on any unpaid amounts for any fiscal year is the same as is specified for interest on investments of the Hazardous Substances Superfund which is determined by the Department of the Treasury. The current annual rate of interest on unpaid costs is 7.99%.

EPA is not required by CERCLA to issue a written demand for recovery of prejudgment interest. However, the date a written demand is made may be used by a court in determining the date from which prejudgment interest begins to accrue.

For your information, we have enclosed a list of persons who are receiving a letter seeking reimbursement of the costs identified herein. While your liability is joint and several, you and other parties may allocate among yourselves the costs to be paid to EPA.

Remittance must be made payable to the "U.S. EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" established pursuant to CERCLA in Title 26, Chapter 98 of the Internal Revenue Code, and must reference the NL/Taracorp facility in Granite City, Illinois. Please send your remittance to:

EPA - Region V  
Attn: Superfund Accounting  
P.O. Box 70753  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

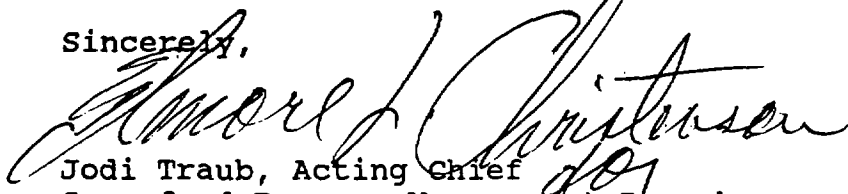
Please send a copy of you or your company's payment check to Steven Siegel, Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, 230 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604. If you desire to discuss your liability with EPA, please contact Mr. Siegel in writing, not later

than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of this letter. Mr. Siegel may be contacted at (312) 353-1129.

In the event that you file for protection in the Bankruptcy Court, EPA reserves its right to file a proof of Claim or application for Reimbursement of Administrative Expenses against the bankrupt's estate.

If you fail to respond to this demand within thirty (30) calendar days, EPA will conclude that you have declined to reimburse the Hazardous Substance Superfund for site expenditures. Consequently, EPA may pursue civil litigation against you, pursuant to CERCLA §§ 106 and 107, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jodi Traub".

Jodi Traub, Acting Chief  
Superfund Program Management Branch  
United States Environmental Protection Agency

## Attachment I

## RECIPIENTS OF THIS LETTER

NL INDUSTRIES

BV & G TRANSPORT

TRUST 454

GLOBE UNION

AT&T

ESB

ACE SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS

SOUTHERN SCRAP I & M/METAL PROCESSING

PRESTOLITE BATTERY

GOPHER SMELTING & REFINING COMPANY

STRAIGHTWAY IRON & METAL COMPANY

PHILIPP BROTHERS, INC.

FEDERAL CARTRIDGE CORPORATION  
d/b/a FEDERAL-HOFFMAN, INC.

FINER METAL COMPANY

SANDERS LEAD COMPANY

GOULD, INC.

FEDERAL IRON & METAL COMPANY

SUPPO SMELTING & REFINING COMPANY

U.S. STEEL LEAD REFINERY, INC.

ST. LOUIS LEAD RECYCLERS

MISSOURI IRON & METAL COMPANY, INC.

CHEMETCO

BECKER METALS CORPORATION

ED PARKINSON  
ALTER COMPANY  
A. MILLER & COMPANY  
ACME BATTERY MANUFACTURING CO.  
MADEWELL & MADEWELL  
DELCO-REMY DIVISION OF GM  
VINCE JACKS IRON & METAL  
GENERAL BATTERY CORPORATION  
SHOSTAK IRON & METAL CO., INC.  
WADDELL BROTHERS METAL COMPANY  
LISSNER CORPORATION  
MORRIS TICK CO. INC.  
MCKINLEY IRON COMPANY  
CENTRAL IRON & METAL COMPANY  
VERSATILE METALS  
ABF METAL COMPANY  
COMMERCIAL METALS COMPANY  
DEL RICH BATTERY & METAL COMPANY  
FEINBERG BROS.  
SEIDENFELD & SON IRON & METAL  
SOL TICK & COMPANY  
d/b/a HERB TICK INC.  
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEMS OF AMERICA  
SPRINGFIELD BATTERY COMPANY  
FORD MOTOR COMPANY  
CHANEN'S, INC.  
SURE-START BATTERY

**CUMULATIVE COST SUMMARY  
NL INDUSTRIES, IL  
SUPERFUND SITE # K7  
PREPARED 2/19/91**

<u>EPA EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Cumulative Costs Through December 31, 1990</u>	
<b>EPA PAYROLL —</b>		
— Headquarters	\$	0.00
— Regional		49,989.11
<b>INDIRECT COST —</b>		
—		79,557.00
<b>EPA TRAVEL —</b>		
— Headquarters		0.00
— Regional		3,776.05
<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES —</b>		
—Dun & Bradstreet (DU0024NBLX)		679.39
—Rent-A-Center (90052Q0248)		25.99
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES —</b>		
—Americana Congress (052167NALT)		1,665.00
—Americana Congress (052944NTLT)		1,236.00
—Agency For Toxic Subs. & Disease Registry		9,191.40
<b>TES CONTRACT --</b>		
—Jacobs Engineering (68-01-7351)		12,548.67
<b>TOTAL EPA COSTS BEFORE INTEREST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>158,668.61</b>
Pre-Judgement Interest		<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EPA COSTS FOR NL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>158,668.61</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS RECOVERED TO DATE</b>		<u>73,608.01</u>
<b>TOTAL EPA UNRECOVERED COSTS FOR NL INDUSTRIES, IL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<u><u>85,060.60</u></u>

**Please Note:** National Contract Laboratory program costs may be significantly understated. These costs do not include any lab costs that may have been billed to EPA prior to FY 1986, if such costs were incurred, and no estimate of the CLP Sample Management Cost (ranges from 6.1 % to 17.0 % of Analytical costs) is provided. A complete accounting of Contract Laboratory Costs normally is provided by VIAR within the documentation process.

**CUMULATIVE COST SUMMARY**  
**NL INDUSTRIES, IL**  
**SUPERFUND SITE # W8**  
**PREPARED 2/19/91**

<u>EPA EXPENDITURES</u>		Cumulative Costs Through December 31, 1990
<b>EPA PAYROLL —</b>		
-- Headquarters	\$	428.85
-- Regional		19,824.58
<b>INDIRECT COST —</b>		
--		27,835.90
<b>EPA TRAVEL —</b>		
-- Headquarters		0.00
-- Regional		0.00
<b>CLP CONTRACT —</b>		
--Viar (68-01-7253)		1,204.53
<b>INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS —</b>		
--Department of Justice (DW15240101)		46.52
--Department of Justice (DW15365401)		169.92
<b>NEIC EXPENDITURES —</b>		
--Techlaw (68-01-6838)		260.28
--Techlaw-REAT (68-01-7104)		14.67
<b>TAT CONTRACT —</b>		
--Roy F. Weston (68-01-7367)		412.70
<b>TES CONTRACT —</b>		
--Techlaw (68-W0-0001)		147,254.95
--Planning Research Corporation (68-W9-0006)		14,304.76
--Metcalf & Eddy (68-W9-0007)		<u>4,180.85</u>
<b>TOTAL EPA COSTS BEFORE INTEREST</b>		\$ 215,938.51
Pre-Judgement Interest		<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EPA COSTS FOR NL INDUSTRIES</b>		\$ 215,938.51
<b>TOTAL COSTS RECOVERED TO DATE</b>		<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EPA UNRECOVERED COSTS</b>		
<b>FOR NL INDUSTRIES, IL</b>		\$ 215,938.51